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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3-10 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following new claims 11-18. \checkmark

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- 11. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^1 and R^{1a} are independently methoxy, amino(C_{3-5})alkyloxy, guanidino(C_{3-5})alkyloxy, piperidyl(C_{3-5})alkyloxy, nitro or fluoro.
- 12. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^3 is hydrogen; optionally substituted aminocarbonyl; optionally substituted (C_{1-6}) alkyl; carboxy (C_{1-4}) alkyl; optionally substituted aminocarbonyl (C_{1-4}) alkyl; cyano (C_{1-4}) alkyl; optionally substituted 2-oxo-oxazolidinyl or optionally substituted 2-oxo-oxazolidinyl (C_{1-4}) alkyl).
- 13. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^3 is in the 3-position and the substituents at the 3- and 4-position of the piperidine ring are *cis*.
- 14. A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is NH and B is CO, or A is CHOH and B is CH₂.
- 15. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹¹ is hydrogen.
- 16. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^4 is (C_{5-12}) alkyl, optionally substituted phenyl (C_{2-3}) alkyl or optionally substituted phenyl (C_{3-4}) alkenyl.
- 17. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 18. A method of treatment of bacterial infections in mammals which method comprises the administration to a mammal in need of such treatment of an effective amount of a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.